

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION  
PUBLIC FORUM  
Monday, October 6, 2008  
7th Floor Council Hearing Room  
Council Office Building**

**Commission Members Present:**

Nancy Soreng, Chair  
Alice Gresham Bullock, Vice-Chair  
Michael Cogan  
Wilbur Friedman  
Mollie Habermeier  
Robert Shoenberg  
Judith Vandegriff  
Anne Marie Vassallo  
Charles Wolff

**Staff:**

Justina Ferber, County Council Staff  
Marie Jean-Paul, County Council Staff

**Commission Members Absent:**

Karen Czapanskiy

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Commission Chair Nancy Soreng opened the public forum at 7:40 p.m. The Commission held a public forum to seek comments on a variety of issues to determine if the current system of County Government adequately addresses the needs of County residents.

Specifically, the Commission requested community input on the following issues: (1) whether the Charter should be amended to allow for an Executive-nominated, Council-confirmed Inspector General; and (2) whether certain special taxing districts should be excluded from the Charter's limit on the growth of the property tax revenue to the rate of inflation. Comments on other Charter related issues were also welcome.

The following persons presented testimony:

1. Marvin Weinman, Montgomery County Taxpayers League
2. Jim Humphrey, Individual
3. Arnold Gordon, Civic Federation
4. Sheldon Fishman, Individual

Written testimony was also received from Peggy Dennis and Betty Petrides. All testimony, mailed and presented, will be made a part of the minutes.

The forum adjourned at 8:50 p.m.